

**TAVISTOCK TOWN COUNCIL
PANNIER MARKET REPORT 12th April 2022
DATE OF REPORT 04/04/22**

1. General Update

- a) Since the last report there has been some slight reshuffling in the Pannier Market, and some changes to several 5-day pitches, with some now being occupied at the East end of the market. Colours of Creation have now returned after 20 years of trading, and we have welcomed Annie's Craft Supplies in their place. We also welcome back a few traders that have had to take a short break due to personal reasons.
- b) As we move into the Easter Holidays, we look forward to a spike in visitors as March has been fairly quiet in comparison to the numbers witnessed in between lock downs last year. Traders are planning an Easter Bonnet competition and the Mayor has been invited to do the Judging.
- c) All Lock-Up units are now leased out, with the latest one occupied being the one that was previously being used as a temporary office during Coronavirus, this features new business Between The leaves, an array of tropical and indoor plants and accessories.
- d) Please note, we are now charging at the new rate of £10 per table, this came into operation as of April 1st 2022.

2. Coach Drivers Initiative

- a) We are yet to witness a steady amount of coaches visit, but with the holiday season upon us and the slow regrowth of the coach industry, we expect to start noticing an upturn in numbers.
- b) It has been discussed that can add the Guild Hall as an attraction into the coach drivers pack, as way of adding another reason for Tavistock to be chosen as a destination for coach parties.

3. Google Reviews

Rated 5 Stars 2 weeks ago NEW

Not sure whether quaint and class go with each other... but it is what the pannier market is all about...there is something for everyone and when you have finished perusing and feel there is a need to rest your legs and top your energy reserves, then roll up to Bob's East End cafe. Light airy and warm you will not get high cuisine but you will get really good traditional dishes. Other good food outlets are available.

Rated 5 Stars 4 months ago

Lovely little area, worth a peruse if you're visiting. Lots of little places to visit and nice to walk around the street too. It's like a little flea market

where you can buy lots of random little things; books, animal food, trinkets, antiques etc. There's also a little cafe inside. Bought a nice little Christmas ornament from one of the little shops.

Rated 5 Stars 3 months ago

The place to get your gifts and craft products. And lots of stalls selling all kind of things. From slippers to coats, leather goods. Cakes, sweets, coffee beans. Paintings, cards. And a cafe. And lots more. Well worth a visit.

4. Bedford Square/Events

- a) Bedford Square continues to flourish, witnessing a hive of activity, with a mixture of regular and some new traders, this should start to increase even further as the more favourable weather starts to come to fruition
- b) At present we are still working in partnership with delivering the operational aspects of Tavistock Farmers market, which seems to be working well at the moment with no issues or changes to report this time around.

5. Designated Premises Supervisor

There have been several bar led functions since the last the last round of reports, with no issues arising, we have now had a Town Hall bar audit which will reset proceedings in relation to all of the out of date stock due to the Pandemic, ready to move forwards into more familiar territory.

6. Tavistock Country Show

Organisation for this event has without doubt been challenging due to the tight time constraints and the staffing capacity issues, however, with support within the existing organisational staffing structure, interest and bookings have been extremely positive, and we fully expect to deliver a successful event this year. We have managed to secure six show gardens, and have filled the internal section of the Pannier Market, with the perimeter also hosting an array of country delights and Bedford Square focusing on a mixture of sellers, charities and community led projects. The Guild Hall Carpark will host the food section, bar and entertainment.

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